







*A celebration ornament.
You can recognize and write your name!*

A snowman ornament made for you by me...
It was made with lots of tender loving care,
that's known as TLC.
It's for you to hang on your lovely Christmas tree
as a special remembrance,
Of school and me.
I embroidered your name on it,
especially for you,
because you're learning to write your name
and do other things too.

*Always remember...
That you are as beautiful and unique as a snowflake
I'm "snow" very proud of you!
May your life continue to sparkle with:
Joy, Peace, & Love.*

Merry Christmas Hugs from



December _____

Background:

- To celebrate the fact that my students can write their name I embroider (my sewing machine does it, their name on a felt snowman hat.)
- I've made them for my student's every year for Christmas.
- They are fun, inexpensive and easy to do and only take a few hours from start to finish.

Materials:

1. Some sort of white ball ornament. I've used the ones with the white "spun" thread on it, white plastic as well as foam. They all work. I wait til they go 50% off even before Christmas sales and then I stock up so I always have a bunch on hand.
 2. I do the same for the felt squares which are usually 5 for a dollar. I wait 'til they are 10 for a dollar then I get hot pink or purple for the girls and give them a choice and red or blue for the boys and give them a choice. I don't buy green because it blends in with the tree too much.
- Felt Squares
 - Hot glue and a glue gun.
 - 1 inch ribbon. Preferably plaid.
 - Dixie cups
 - Black, white, orange, burgundy puffy paint
 - Yarn to match felt.
 - Scissors
 - White thread
 - Sewing machine that can embroider names

Directions:

1. I make college and high school color schemes for family and friends too and combine two colors.
2. I cut my felt 7 inches long, but measure your ball to make sure that's not too much, some balls are smaller and some are larger, you want your strip to go all the way around your ball so that

you can wrap it around the snowman's head and hot glue it in place with a little over lap.

3. I make my hat 5 inches high so that I can fold the brim up 1 inch and still have enough to tie off the top with a piece of yarn.
4. Sooo...cut your strip 5 high by 7 wide or whatever fits your ball.
5. Fold the brim up.
6. Use white thread and choose a fancy stitch to sew across the brim. I choose one that looks like a snowflake. (see photo).
7. I've tried sewing their names right on the hat, but I'm just not that good at guess-timating the middle and if I oops I've shot the hat, so I sew them all on a big piece of felt and then cut them out in little rectangles and hot glue them on the front centers of each hat.
8. The bottom of the ornament will become the top of the snowman's head. The hanger will become his neck.
9. Put a rim of hot glue around the now "top" of his head and attach the hat. The top will be open.
10. Hot glue the name in the center of the brim.
11. I hot glue all the hats, then all the names, and then I paint all the faces. I like the "assembly line" way of doing crafts.
12. Using puffy paint, make eyes, a nose and a mouth. I find that I like burgundy better than red, and a carrot nose better than a round nose. It's totally up to you.
13. When you do the mouth, start with the middle dot first and then do the sides.
14. I get a box of Dixie cups and lay each one on top of the cup so they don't roll around and smear while they are drying.
15. When they are dry, tie the tops shut with a matching piece of yarn, making a loop so they can hang it.
16. Tie a ribbon bow on the hanger piece at the neck so they have a "scarf".
17. You'll enjoy making these and they sell like hot cakes at a craft show.
18. Enjoy. ☺